

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 20 were presented for examination and were rejected, and some were also objected to. The bases for the objections and rejection are as follows:

- 1.) Claims 1 through 3 and claims 11 through 13 have been objected to for the following reasons: antecedent basis problems and duplications. The Abstract was objected to for being too lengthy.
- 2.) Claims 1 through 5, 7 through 15 and 16 through 20 have been rejected under 35 USC 102 (e) as anticipated by the Bogal patent.

Applicant responds to these objections as follows:

I. Claims 1 through 3 and 11 through 13 objections.

Claims 1 through 3 and 11 through 13 were objected to for formalities. Specifically, claim 1, line 12 should be "said second cover" instead of "a second cover"; claim 11, line 12, same; claim 11, line 17 should be "said distinguishable" instead of "a distinguishable"; claim 2 and 3, and 12 and 13 are allegedly repeating limitations of their parent claims.

All of the antecedent issues have been corrected by presentation of the new claims above. As to the repeated limitations of the claims 2 and 3, and then 12 and 13, applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner for the following reasons:

Claims 1 and 11 (and new claims 21 and 31) have specifically recited that the attachment means is such that “at least one of said housing and said first cover includes attachment means...”. Hence these main claims allow for three possibilities- the attachment means is on the housing, or the attachment means is on the first cover, or the attachment means is on both. Claims 2 and 12 (new claims 22 and 32) limit the invention to where the attachment means must be on the housing only. Claims 3 and 13 (new claims 23 and 33) limit the invention to where the attachment means must be on the first cover only. Because these claims place further restrictions on their main claims, they are not believed to be repetitive. However, the new claims also are believed to be clearer in their intent; concern for apparent duplicity should now be obviated.

II. Objection To Abstract.

The Abstract text has been shortened in accordance with the Examiner’s objection. Also, the term “means” has been removed.

III. Claims 1 through 5, 7 through 15 and 16 through 20, rejected under 35 USC 102 (e) as anticipated by the Bogal patent.

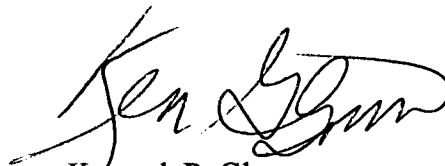
Claims 1 through 5, 7 through 15 and 16 through 20 have been rejected under 35 USC 102 (e) as anticipated by Bogal on the basis that all of the limitations of all of these claims are expressly taught by Bogal. However, the Bogal patent does not teach the

present invention as claimed in many of the original claims. For example, this prior art reference does not teach second cover attachment means located on the first cover, as set forth in original claims 3 and 13 and now in new claims 23 and 33. Other deficiencies are present in this anticipation rejection. However, the Examiner acknowledged allowability of the contents of original claims 6 and 16, and this claim language has been incorporated into the new main claims 21 and 31. As such, it is believed that all of the rejections have been overcome and that all of the new claims are allowable.

IV. Conclusions

The new claims clearly distinguish the present invention from the prior art and are believed to obviate the objections as well. For these reasons, it is believed that all of the claims now pending in the case are allowable. An early and favorable response is requested. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



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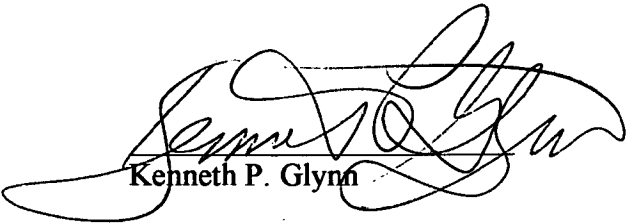
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